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SUBJECT: OWEN STATEMENT ON RHODESIA

1. IN PARLIAMENT ON JULY 13. FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN ANNOUNCED HE WAS CONSIDERING THE REPORT OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIVE GROUP AND WOULD BE MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 23.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM THE FLOOR, OWEN SAID, "THE (RECENT) STATEMENT BY MR. SMITH'S SPOKESMAN IS DISAPPOINTING AND CERTAINLY IN SOME RESPECTS CONFLICTS WITH THE REPORT I HAD FROM MR. GRAHAM AND MR. LOW."

3. ASKED FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS ON A RHODESIA SETTLEMENT, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY RESPONDED: "IN SOME
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SENSES TIME HAS BEEN RUNNING OUT EVER SINCE THE ILLEGAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. I DO NOT HIDE FROM THE HOUSE THAT THE SITUATION IS DETERIORATING STEADILY IN SOME AREAS, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE ARMED STRUGGLE HAS GATHERED MOMENTUM.
THE PROBLEM WE FACE MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IS HOW TO ACHIEVE A TRANSITION DURING WHICH THERE WILL BE, IN A

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CLIMATE OF PEACE, FAIR ELECTIONS. THIS RELATES TO LAW
AND ORDER AND IN SOME WAY TO BRINGING TOGETHER THE TWO
ARMIES--THE RHODESIAN DEFENSE FORCES AND THE LIBERATION
ARMES.
THE OPPOSITION MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS A WAR
BEING FOUGHT AND IF YOU WISH TO BRING A PEACEFUL SETTLE-
MENT THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO TRY TO HAVE A CEASEFIRE. AND
THATSMEANS BOTH SIDES."
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